

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Mitsuharu Ohki |) | Group Art Unit: 2622 |
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| Application No.: 10/586,659 |) | Examiner: Christopher K. Peterson |
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| Filed: August 26, 2008 |) | |
| |) | Confirmation No.: 7349 |
| For: CONTROL METHOD, CONTROL |) | |
| APPARATUS AND CONTROL |) | |
| PROGRAM FOR | | |
| PHOTOGRAPHING APPARATUS | | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 17, 2010, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, Claims 1-4, 19 and 20; Group II, Claims 5-10; Group III, Claims 11-16; Group IV, Claim 17; and Group V, Claim 18. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4, 19 and 20, drawn to a control method provided for a photographing apparatus as a control method having a first mode for generating an output image by taking one input image and a second mode for generating an output image by taking a plurality of input images successively.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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